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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on November 3, 2006, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-22 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Kato et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,627,920, in view of Hashimoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,480,639.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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